

## BACKGROUND

On March 15, 2011, CMC released the Force Structure Review report. The report outlined the Marine Corps' organization, posture and capabilities necessary, in the evolving security era, for the Marine Corps to fulfill its role as the Nation's Expeditionary Force in Readiness based on an anticipated post-Afghanistan optimized force of 186,800. The Marine Corps conducted a thorough Doctrine, Organization, Training, Materiel, Leadership and Education, Personnel Facilities and Cost (DOTMLPF/C) review, which validated the process.

The President's Budget for FY13 constrained the Marine Corps to an 182,100 force. The decision to limit the Marine Corps to 182,100 was announced Jan. 26 by the Secretary of Defense, and the FSR was then updated to reflect the reality of the FY13 Budget.

Major changes include:

### Operating Forces

- Reduce infantry battalions (27 to 23)
- Reduce infantry regiment HQs (8 to 7)
- Reduce artillery battalion HQs (9 to 7)
- Reduce flying squadrons (70 to 58)
- Reduce tank companies (10 to 8)
- Reduce Light Armored Reconnaissance companies (15 to 12)
- Reduce wing support group HQs (3 to 0)
- Reorganize the Marine Logistics Groups
- Consolidate Military Police Companies into Law Enforcement Battalions
- Build three joint task force capable Marine Expeditionary Brigade CEs
- Increase regional component capacity
- Preserve a significant portion of the irregular warfare enablers
- Increase Cyber structure by more than 250 Marines/billets
- Increase Marine Corps Special Operations Command by 821 Marines/billets

### Reserve Forces

The implementation of the FSR will ultimately affect 147 of 183 Marine Forces Reserve sites. However, the authorized end strength of the Selected Marine Corps Reserve remains to be 39,600. The major changes to MARFORRES' structure are:

- Reduce one infantry regiment HQ (3 to 2)
- Reduce one infantry battalion (9 to 8)
- Reduce one Air Control Squadron (2 to 1)
- Eliminate MWSG HQ (1 to 0)
- Eliminate Anti-Terrorism Bn (1 to 0)
- Consolidate Military Police Companies into a Law Enforcement Battalion
- Reorganize the Marine Logistics Group to closely reflect active component
- Increase civil affairs groups (2 to 4)
- Increased unmanned aircraft system squadrons (1 to 2)
- Increase counter-intelligence/human intelligence companies (1 to 2)
- Increase air and naval gunfire liaison companies (2 to 3)
- Increase bridge companies (2 to 3)
- Increase AAV companies (2 to 4)
- Increase truck companies (1 to 2)